

PGY1 PHARMACY RESIDENCY PROGRAM

The Healthcare System

The Southern Arizona VA Healthcare System (SAVAHCS) has provided comprehensive, world class health care to Veterans for over eighty years. SAVAHCS is recognized for achieving and sustaining high levels of performance and service to our Veterans and is the recipient of the 2012 Robert W. Carey Performance Excellence Award that is based on nationally recognized criteria of organizational excellence. The healthcare system consists of 200 acute care beds, 100 geriatrics beds, five primary care teams and associated specialty clinics, two urban community outpatient clinics, and five community outpatient clinics in Tucson's outlying areas serving over 50,000 Veterans annually.

A wide range of inpatient and primary care services are provided in the medical center including internal medicine, primary care, surgery, neurology, infectious diseases, nephrology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, rheumatology, pulmonary, cardiology, oncology, mental health, and emergency medicine. SAVAHCS is the neurosurgery and cardiac referral center for the Southwest Region (VISN 18). The Pharmacy Service is a technology and patient safety leader assisted by the extensive use of robotics and automation.

SAVAHCS has a strong affiliation with the University of Arizona healthcare profession programs. Students and residents from many disciplines, including pharmacy students from several schools of pharmacy, are trained at SAVAHCS each year.



The SAVAHCS Pharmacy Service is a highly integrated, progressive clinical practice model that encompasses more than 100 pharmacy staff members, including over 40 clinical pharmacists in most of the practice settings previously mentioned.

Residency Goals and Objectives

The purpose of the SAVAHCS PGY1 pharmacy residency program is to develop a skilled general pharmacist practitioner who can optimize drug therapy in adult patients with complex conditions in a variety of environments (e.g. acute care, primary care, ED, geriatrics), pursue PGY2 training, and upon completion of the program, be eligible for board certification in pharmacotherapy. In addition, the goals of the residency program are to train pharmacists to investigate therapeutic problems in a scientific manner, and enhance verbal and written communication skills. The residents will be expected to provide care to a wide range of patients, become leaders in the medication use process, manage clinical practice, function competently and in partnership with other providers, and teach at an appropriate level when the residency is completed.

Program Description

The 12 month residency program accepts up to eight PGY1 residents and is designed to provide ongoing clinical pharmacy activities while promoting the individual resident's needs. The program provides clinical experience with a broad range of patients and disease states in various rotation settings, while working collegially with physicians and nurse practitioners. During the year, each resident will give presentations to a variety of healthcare professionals. A research project is required; each resident will present a poster outlining research hypothesis & methods and the completed project at a regional meeting.

Monthly Experiential Schedule

July - November: Orientation, Primary Care, Internal Medicine (2), Critical Care, Elective

December: CE/Research project and ASHP Midyear Conference

January - June: Geriatrics, Internal Medicine (2), Primary Care, Electives (2)

Longitudinal Experiential Activities

Longitudinal experiences throughout the residency include primary longitudinal clinic (1/2 day weekly), anticoagulation, and several administrative activities. Residents also provide weekend inpatient pharmacist coverage. Generally, this is one weekend each month. The clinical and distributive functions of a pharmacist will be performed during this time.

Elective Opportunities

Residents may choose three electives during the year. The elective time is used to tailor specific interests of the resident within the training program. Common electives are primary care, internal medicine, surgery, oncology, pain management, specialty primary care, cardiology, critical care, mental health, infectious disease, emergency medicine and administration elective. Off-site opportunities are also available for those who are licensed in the state of Arizona.

Benefits

The residency stipend is \$41,098 and includes full federal healthcare benefits. Residents will accumulate 13 days of paid vacation time, 13 days of paid sick time, and have 10 Federal holidays per year.

Qualifications

- ★ United States citizenship
- ★ Doctor of pharmacy degree from an American Council on Pharmaceutical Education accredited school of pharmacy
- ★ Pharmacist licensure in any of the United States
- ★ National Matching Service and Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS) registration

Application Requirements

All application materials are due by January 5, 2015 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

The SAVAHCS PGY1 Residency program participates in the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS). Please refer to both the ASHP and SAVAHCS PGY1 websites for details. Incomplete packages will not be considered for review.

In addition to the PhORCAS application requirements, the application packet will need to include:

- ★ Three references submitted through PhORCAS. Each reference writer must complete a minimum of 10 of the 13 "Characteristic Comments" PLUS either complete first 3 "Narrative Comments" on the reference form OR provide a traditional letter of reference.

Candidates who are not invited to interview will be notified via letter postmarked no later than January 30th.

This residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any residency applicant.

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